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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2000

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, substitute the following for the first paragraph:

--This is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/934,457, filed September 19, 1997, now Patent No. 5,999,908 which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/243,638, filed May 16, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/926,333, filed August 6, 1992, now abandoned.--

In the Claims (all claims have been renumbered and are set forth below)

Cancel claims 52, and 64-70, without prejudice.

48. A system comprising

units of a commodity that are used by respective users in different locations,

a user interface which is part of each of the units of the commodity and provides a

medium for two-way interaction between one of the users and the corresponding unit of the

commodity for generating information about use of the unit of the commodity by the user,

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